

Remarks

Claims 1-28 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 12 are now amended, without adding new matter. Claims 15-28 are now withdrawn.

Restriction Of Claims 1-28 Under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372

Claims 1-28 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 and 372 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to an electric drive and suspension system for an impeller pump;
- II. Claims 12-14, drawn to a stator and rotor which define the flux path in a pump;
- III. Claims 15-19, drawn to a control system for a blood pump;
- IV. Claims 20-26, drawn to an electric motor for a blood pump; and
- V. Claims 27 and 28, drawn to a fluid inlet for a centrifugal pump.

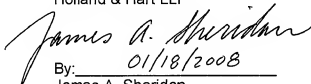
In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention drawn to Group I, drawn to an electric drive and suspension system for an impeller pump. In addition, Applicants have now amended claim 1 to correct a minor typographical error and claim 12 to depend from independent claim 1. Claims 1-14 are believed to read on elected Group I.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute unelected subject matter in related patent applications.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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